

He told men inclined to think of
astrology and
horoscopy that trust in God was the real
astrology
and horoscopy. To call on Hari is the
strength of the
auspicious hour; to call on Hari is the
strength of a
good asterism and of the moon. Again; "
You are
the strength of all the planets, O Lotus-
eyed One.
You are the saviour of all, pervading all."

Caste is not a mere matter of birth; it is
in char-
acter. Do you see the outcaste only
outside the
village? Is there no outcaste within? For
there are
men who are outcastes by their character.
He is an
outcaste, he says, who has learnt but does
not impart
learning; who being a servant defies his
master; who
owns but does not give in charity; who
borrows but
is unwilling to repay; who talks scandal
and spreads
it abroad; who sows discord between
husband and
wife; who raises hopes and breaks his
promise; who
forgets help received, however small; who
sees in-
justice but will not cure it; who decries
others and
praises his self ; who does not worship
Purandara
Vittala. Are there outcastes only outside
the village?
Is there no outcaste within?

The doctrine of *Karma* is preached
fervently in
many of the songs. One of the most
familiar says:
** that a man has thought on God with
devotion, is
borne out by his words coming true; that
he gave

food to others, by his getting good food to eat."

Purandaradasa gives a new meaning to sacrifices.

What we should slay in sacrifice is our bad qualities.

This Is a familiar way of weaning people from the lower forms of worship.